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Dear Parents and Carers

INFORMATION ABOUT AUSTRALIAN ROSTRUM - PRIMARY SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2017

All students in years 3 - 6 will participate in the Australian Rostrum Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2017. This activity is a vital part of our curriculum as it provides a learning and assessment opportunity for the outcome around preparing and delivering oral presentations.

Each student will be presenting their speech to his or her own class. Speeches should be no more than **three minutes** in duration with a 30 second allowance either side of that time limit. Students are encouraged to practise their speech at home. Classroom time is also provided to support students in this learning experience.

The topics for this year's Rostrum competition are:

-  *A quiet achiever*
-  *Australia day*
-  *The year of the rooster*
-  *I love it when*
-  *Heatwaves*
-  *Transport 50 years from today*

Two students from each class will be selected to participate in a year level final leading on to selection for the school final. Our school winner and reserve (required if our winner is unable to attend the next level) will go on to compete in the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and the Grand Final of the Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2017. (Venue to be advised at a later date)

Schedule for 2016 Rostrum

Competition Level	Dates	Topics
Classroom Rostrum Competition	Term 2, Weeks 1 – 5 Wednesday 26 April – Thursday 25 May	Choose from the topics above or free choice
School Rostrum Final	Term, 2 Week 5 Friday 26 May	Free Choice
Quarter Finals	Term 2, Weeks 8-10 13 June – 30 June	Must be chosen from the topics above
Semi Finals	Term 3, Weeks 2 – 4 24 July – 11 August	Must be chosen from the topics above
Grand Final	Term 3 Week 7 Monday 28 August 2017	Must be chosen from the topics above

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher via email at info@redhillps.act.edu.au or by phoning 6205 7144 if you have any questions about the Australian Rostrum Competition.

Good luck and have fun!

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